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“A Guest Who Comes Empty-Handed Does Not Deserve A Warm Welcome.”----Hebrew Proverb

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This will be my last President's letter as my term ends at the end of this year. I have served as N.C.N.A. President for four terms (8 years), and held all other N.C.N.A. positions with the exception of Treasurer, for at least two terms each. I will continue to be involved with the N.C.N.A., however, in a less demanding office as I expect to miss some Board meetings due to travel plans.

As I reflect on my last four years as N.C.N.A. President, I am very pleased with what has been accomplished. When it became clear that the N.C.N.A. could no longer sponsor and have coin shows, we needed to develop and organize something else to promote our hobby, numismatics! At this point, I need to credit and thank one of our Life Members, Mike "Steamer" Stanley, who suggested doing Northern California Numismatic Symposiums!

Naturally, it took some time for the Board to develop this idea, but it eventually morphed into the Northern California Numismatic Seminar. On September 17, 2016 we will proudly present out Third Annual Seminar. Since our first in 2014, each year has seen improvement and more nationally and internationally known speakers on varied and timely subjects. We have received significant financial support from three donors along with annual sustained "Gold Miner" sponsors, to cover the costs associated with our Seminars. If you are able to add to this support, we would very much appreciate your tax deductible donations. Our Seminars are a service to the numismatic community and include free door prizes in an effort encourage attendance.

This is an election year for the Northern California Numismatic Association and individual members and member Coin Clubs will be receiving N.C.N.A. Election Ballots around September 2016. Kindly return your ballots by the deadline listed on your ballot.

This year we have received two nominations for the 2016 "Ron Miller Award", and the Board will discuss their merits to determine if either meet the standards applicable to this award.

Additionally, I continue to remind members that the N.C.N.A. Board of Directors has established the "Gordon Russell Donnell Award". This award will consist of a bronze medal with an image of Gordon on the obverse and a blank reverse, suitable for engraving the award recipient name. These medals are now available for distribution based on request by member Coin Clubs. This award is somewhat unique for the N.C.N.A., as it will be offered to N.C.N.A. member Coin Clubs (Max. 2 per year), to recognize "their" Club members who hopefully share the enthusiasm, ideals and numismatic spirit as exemplified by the late Gordon R. Donnell. This may be a very attractive way to recognize Coin Club members who have made significant contributions to the benefit of member Clubs or to our hobby in general.

Included with this and all issues of "Heads and Tails", is the updated N.C.N.A. Coin Show listing. This is provided as a service to our members. If your Coin Club has a Coin Show, please contact me as soon as possible to be included in our listing. Local Coin Clubs, along with State and national numismatic organizations often depend on income from their Annual Coin Shows for a majority of their operating budgets. Additionally, youth programs, coin hobby promotion events, journals and Club bulletins and educational programs to support our coin collecting hobby are often all dependant on funds generated by Coin Show activities.

Please Note: Commercial Shows are now allowed on our Show List, provided that the show promoter is a N.C.N.A. member. As such, the member is allowed to list one Show per year. Additional shows may be listed but will require a \$15 payment per Show listed. Your N.C.N.A. Board is hopeful of additional innovative initiatives to improve the services we provide our hobby. I can be contacted via e mail: fredvdh@gmail.com, or by writing to P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306-0484. Phone number: 650-380-4181

Fred G. van den Haak
September 2016

MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

"I think this is a really an opportunity for us [American Philatelic Society and philately, 'stamps'] to try to bridge the gap between the two hobbies . . . and see if we can start building some inroads into having a larger dialog and larger partnership together."----
Scott D. English, American Philatelic Society Executive Director, quoted in LINN'S STAMP NEWS, August 22, 2016.

As can be read elsewhere in this NCNA HEADS AND TALES, the headquarters of the American Numismatic Association (ANA) declined any participation or presence at the upcoming September 17, 2016 Seminar; but, Scott readily accepted our invitation.

Scott has reflected that the issues facing 'stamps' are identical to 'coins': stagnant national memberships, conventions costs rising and attendance well not-so-good, aging membership and collector bases, and appealing to younger potential hobbyists. As he has remarked, the issues are the *same*.

There may be perceived differences between the two generally accepted universal hobbies; but, a closer and more open-minded observation would confirm that the two hobbies have much in common: paralleling nomenclature, national bodies and specialized groups plus numerous local clubs, two Federal Government agencies, the United States Mint and the United States Postal Service (USPS), catering to collectors, and both hobbies are impacted by national legislation. In addition, least any coin hobbyist overlook, LINNS and COIN WORLD are published by the same firm, and the design themes of 'coins' and 'stamps' are remarkably akin.

So with these similarities and with these common issues, Scott, and others, are seeking to develop collaborative and cooperative relationships. And, this is an objective for the upcoming Seminar: to begin, even embryonic, something.

Would these initial intentions prove fruitful? Candidly, maybe and maybe not, and only much enthused effort afterwards would achieve any desired results. Yet, September 17th is a start.

At the minimum, Scott is right: 'start building'.

To this end, my initial recommendations are twofold:

One, that from the Seminar, both the American Numismatic Association (ANA) and the American Philatelic Society (APS) commence regular and consistent communication and exchange, on a wide range of subjects and mutual concerns, at the national level, *and*

Two, the two Associations allow reciprocity in having information tables/spaces/booths at their respective national shows and conventions.

To further this end, this issue of NCNA HEADS AND TALES has been complimentarily copied to particular national leaders in and with the American Numismatic Association (ANA).

Remember, "*Alone We Can Do So Little; Together We Can Do So Much.*"----Helen Keller

GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

2016 Seminar REMINDER!

Third Annual
CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC SEMINAR
Saturday, September 17, 2016
Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum
734 Marin, at Capital in downtown Vallejo, California
Registration Opens: 9:00 AM
Theme: 'The Future of Our Hobby'
(Or, 'The Future of Hobbies')
FREE ADMISSION and Museum Open To All Attendees
Door Prizes, Too!

Our Association is proud to announce and to report the following presenters at this year's Seminar:

Scott D. English, *Executive Director, American Philatelic Society (APS)*

Steve Woodland, *of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association (RCNA) and Ontario Numismatic Association (ONA)*

Charmy Harper, 'The Penny Lady'

Steve Price, *of Stacks/Bowers*, and

Jeff Shevlin, 'So-Called Dollar Guy'

This impressive line-up will share their respective observations and opinions as what numismatics, and the larger realm of collectibles, may transition and evolve in the coming years and decades, particularly with changing demographics, aging collecting populations, economic uncertainties, and such. In short, most all NCNA HEADS AND TALES readers comprehend that our '*world of money*' hobby---as well as *our brothers and sisters with 'stamps' and other collectibles*---has changed since the supposed halcyon days of the 1950s through early 1970s. There has been enough commentary in national numismatic media and among many coin hobby advocates to confirm these observations and opinions.

Therefore, the year's Seminar seeks to be 'crystal ball' and 'see faintly into the unknown' and provide some provocative and constructive insights. The balance and diversity of the six presenters should offer a good appraisal and, hopefully, optimism for numismatics as a sustained hobby enjoyment.

Continuing attempts and invites to the American Numismatic Association (ANA) headquarters resulted in declines and disinterest, while well-wishes were offered. Thus, on a whim, an invitation was extended to

the young, energized, and sharp new Executive Director of the American Philatelic Society (APS), the world's largest and among the oldest stamp organizations.

Scott considers this an opportunity to broach collaboration and cooperation between 'coins' and 'stamps', which he believes have much in common and confront the same issues: declining membership, disconnect between the organized hobby (clubs and associations), and perception of a 'old folks past time', to cite a few commentaries.

With our Canadian devotee, this would add an international viewpoint; **Steve** is quite intense and dedicated to enhancing and advancing numismatics within Canada and now across the border here in the United States. This would be his first trip and visit to California.

Sidebar: Serge Pelletier, originally invited and scheduled to attend, was, due a quite pressing personal interference, compelled to decline. Maybe in 2017 or 2018, he may attend and participate.

Charmy and Steve Price, needless to say, would provide the professional and commercial ('coin business') viewpoint, and **Jeff**, as the past American Numismatic Association (ANA) Executive Director, certainly can give some candid thoughts.

In short, the all-day Seminar shall be informative and thought provoking.

In addition, there would be an on-site simple lunch service, as well as several eateries within comfortable walking distance. Door Prizes would end the day's events, and the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) Library, housed in the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, would be open. Admission to the Museum that Saturday is FREE.

2016 Seminar Patron

An event as this year's Seminar is expensive and requires financial support. Therefore, the successful 'Patron' program and appeal from 2014 and 2015 is continued, as follows:

GOLD MINER	\$100.00	Name Listed In Program Letter Acknowledgement Certificate Name Posted In Seminar Engraved '<i>Token of Esteem</i>'
PROSPECTOR	\$50.00	Name Listed In Program Letter Acknowledgement Certificate Name Posted In Seminar

Mail remittance, with preferred name, directly to '*PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410*'. So to arrive and be processed timely *before* the Seminar date, **DO IT TODAY!**

'Matching Grant'

An anonymous 'Benefactor' and longtime advocate for our '*world of money*' has offered **to match every GOLD MINER 'Patron', at the \$100.00 level, with an additional \$100.00, making each 'Gold Miner' contribution worth \$200.00!**

The only stipulations are that it is for the 'Gold Miner' level and payment must be credited and paid *before* September 10, 2017.

All 'Patrons' would be mailed appropriate acknowledgement letters, and our Association is a bona fide non-profit 501c corporation.

Your consideration toward being a Gold Miner 'Patron' would be appreciated. **Thank You.**

Donnell Award

This Award, specific to local Club Members (a coin club must be a Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) member), is available.

Written requests, with specifics and proper full name as well as date of presentation, mail to '**PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410**'. A nominal free-well donation of \$15.00 per award would be appreciated, covering the engraving and preparation charges.

The '*Donnell Award*' is limited to a maximum of two (2) per calendar year per each Club Member.

Inquiries can be contacted at EMPERORI@juno.com.

Coin Show Schedule

The single most useful and popular of your Association's services is the Coin Show Schedule, a service dating back into the 1960s. Club Members may request reasonable complimentary copies for distribution; with, at least, depending on the date or request, fifty (50) copies provided and mailed in gratis.

The effectiveness of this Coin Show Schedule is depending upon the timely submission of show information to **President Fred G. van den Haak** at fredvdh@gamail.com.

More specifics are given at the top of the current 'Coin Show Schedule' on the last pages of this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue.

2016 Election

2016 is the biannual election for your Association's five Executive Officers: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. **President Fred G. van den Haak** and the Board of Directors were able to solicit nominations for all positions. A ballot has been prepared.

The 2016 Election Ballot would be mailed sometime early September 2016, if not already received.
PLEASE VOTE!

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These Coin Show listings are provided as a free service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a Coin Club Show listed, please send all pertinent show information early to: N.C.N.A., Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306-0484. If you would like a Commercial Show listed: you need to be a N.C.N.A. member for one free annual listing. Additional listings for Commercial shows are \$15 each. You may also e mail the information to: fredvdh@gmail.com

The joint website for the Fairfield Coin Club, Solano Silver Round Club, Vallejo Numismatic Society and Northern California Numismatic Association is: www.solanocoinclub.com and updated Show listings can be seen on this website!

- Aug. 26-28, 2016 **SANTA CLARA** CoinExpo Santa Clara: Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Show, Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara. **Admission \$6, \$2 off with coupon.** Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-6pm and Sunday 10am-4pm. Scott Griffin, P.O. Box 1876, Suisun, CA 94585 Ph: 415-601-8661 E Mail: scottgriff@hotmail.com
- Sept. 17, 2016 **VALLEJO**. The 3rd Annual Northern California Numismatic Seminar, sponsored by The Northern California Numismatic Association. Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum, 73 Marin Street at Capital, in Downtown Vallejo. Six speakers have been Scheduled: Steven Woodland (RCNA, Canada), Scott English, Executive Director of the American Philatelic Society, Charmy Harker, "The Penny Lady", Steven Price (Stacks-Bowers) and Jeff Shevlin ("So-Called Dollar Guy")
Registration for this all day event begins at 9AM with presentations beginning at 10AM; the afternoon program begins at 2PM. This is a "FREE" event and there will be free door prizes and all interested collectors are welcome to attend. Ample free parking is available. Updates: www.solanocoinclub.com. Questions: EMPERORI@juno.com or 707-246-6327
- Sept. 18, 2016 **LIVERMORE**. Livermore Valley Coin Club 5th Annual Fall Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore. Bourse: Steve Kramer, P.O. Box 610, Livermore, Ca. 94551.
- Sep 30-Oct 1, 2016 **SACRAMENTO** Sacramento Valley Coin Club Annual Fall Coin Show. Four Points by Sheraton, 4900 Duckhorn Drive, Sacramento 95834. Hours 10AM-6PM on Friday 10AM to 6PM and Saturday 10AM-4PM. Bourse: Robert Shanks, 10 Fox Oak Court, Sacramento, CA 95831. Phone: 916-204-5168. Ample Free parking. **Admission \$3, Under 18 FREE.**
- Oct. 7-9, 2016 **WALNUT CREEK**. Diablo Numismatic Society. 20th Annual Contra Costa Coin and Collectables Show, Elk's Lodge 1475 Creekside Dr., Walnut Creek. Diablo Numismatic Society, P.O. Box 177, Concord, Ca. 94522. Website: diabolocoinclub.org Bourse: James Laird (925) 200-2276. Hours: Friday 1-6PM, Saturday 10AM-6PM and Sunday 10AM-5PM. **ADMISSION \$3.**

- Oct. 15-16, 2016 **STOCKTON**. Delta Coin Club 52nd Annual Coin Show, Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton. Bourse: Ruben Smith III, P.O. Box 5787, Stockton, CA. 95205. Phone (209) 982-5961, E Mail: rubensmith@hotmail.com.
- Oct. 22-3 2016 **FRESNO**. Fresno Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Las Palmas Masonic Center, 2992 E. Clinton Avenue, Fresno 93702-2320. Bourse Chair: Richard Hunter, Phone: 559-738-8128
ADMISSION \$2.
- Nov. 6, 2016 **SAN JOSE**. Peninsula Coin Club 37th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Phone: (650) 380-4181 E Mail: fredvdh@gmail.com
- Nov. 19-20, 2016 **SAN RAFAEL**. Marin County Coin Show. Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 1010 Northgate Drive, San Rafael. Saturday 10AM-5PM, Sunday 10AM-4PM. Bourse: Scott Griffin, 740 Texas Street #210, Fairfield, CA 94533. Phone: 415-601-8661. Info: www.griffincoin.com Email: scott@griffincoin.com Admission \$5, \$2 off with coupon, good for both days.
- May 21, 2017 **VALLEJO**. Vallejo Numismatic Society 45th Annual Show, Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador (between Georgia and Florida), Vallejo. Admission and parking are FREE! Bourse: Edwin Hoffmark, Jr., P O Box 4281, Vallejo, Ca. 94590-0428 Phone: 707-642-8754. E Mail: paper4coin@yahoo.com
- July 22-23, 2017 **FREMONT**. Fremont Coin Club 45th Annual Show, Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Information: (510) 792-1511; Bourse: Vince Lacariere, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, Ca. 94538
- Nov. 5, 2017 **SAN JOSE**. Peninsula Coin Club 38th Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Phone: (650) 380-4181 E Mail: fredvdh@gmail.com